



2014 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
7:00 PM**

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Selectboard Members Present: Randy DeVine, Chair; Chris Santee, Vice-Chair, Tom Fontaine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Peter King.

Public Present: Mr. Tom Traber, resident; LCATV, videotaping the meeting.

Call to Order: Randy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes:

2.17.14 - Tom made the motion to approve the minutes of 2.17.14 as written; Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-1. Peter abstained and Leebeth arrived after the motion (7:15 pm).

2.19.14 - Tom made the motion to approve the minutes of 2.19.14 as written; Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-1. Peter abstained and Leebeth arrived after the motion.

The minutes for 2.24.14 and 3.1.14 were tabled until later in the meeting.

Randy welcomed Peter King to the Board. Peter was elected for a two-year term.

Orders & Payroll: Tom reviewed the Utility Department, payroll and town orders. He will check into a disconnect charge from FairPoint. He asked about the printing cost of the town report as it higher than quoted. Due to more pages added from the financial audit, it required a different binding which added to the cost.

Public Comment: Tom Traber asked about being appointed as Town Agent as well as Moderator. We will be reviewing the appointments later in the meeting and will notify him of the outcome.

3.10.14 Minutes Cont.

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2.24.14 - Chris made the motion to accept the minutes of 2.24.14 as written; seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with Chris, Leebeth and Randy in favor of the motion. Tom and Peter abstained.

3.1.14 - Chris made the motion to accept the Town Meeting SB minutes as written; seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with Chris, Leebeth and Randy in favor of the motion. Tom and Peter abstained.

Selectboard Reorganization:

Chair Position: Chris made the motion to nominate Tom Fontaine as Chair. The motion was seconded by Leebeth. No other nominations and no discussion. The motion carried. The Board thanked Randy for his service as Chair.

Vice-Chair Position: Peter made the motion to nominate Chris Santee. The motion was seconded by Leebeth. No other nominations or discussion. The motion carried.

Appointed Town Officers: The Board went through the list of appointed town positions. The 1st Constable was discussed as to what criteria needs to be considered. We will place an ad in the paper. We will contact VLCT regarding the 2nd Constable position. Peter King resigned as the Health Officer effective 3.12.14. We will place an ad in the paper for this position as well.

D. Jay Leach - Road Foreman: - D. Jay has two applications he would like the Board to review. One is a credit application to Pete's Tire Barns, Inc. in Fair Haven, VT. The other is an application to get on the list for the Federal Surplus Property Program. He would like to change vendors for tires as he feels he would get a better price. He has talked to other people and has been encouraged by what they have to say about Pete's. The Board reviewed both documents/applications and by consensus approved the signing of them.

D. Jay stated that the roads are posted; he's had good communications with the sap haulers and the sand pile is holding up. D. Jay will order the thumb for the John Deere backhoe, which was a budgeted item.

A discussion on maintenance to Nichols Road ensued as it was brought up by a resident at town meeting. There is increased traffic due to Goodrich Hill Road in Georgia being developed. Chris will arrange a joint Board meeting with Georgia to discuss this.

3.10.14 Minutes Cont.:

Skip Taylor, Zoning Administrator

Skip congratulated Tom for being elected to the Chair position on the SB and Chris as the Vice-Chair. He also congratulated Chris for being re-elected to the SB and Peter King being elected to the SB. Skip handed out a sheet to the Board members with various topics he would like to discuss. He also addressed his retirement and vacation plans. He talked to the Board about waiving the requirement that the center of a proposed road be in the center of the right-of-way. He also asked that the Board put the Planning Commission on the agenda for the 3.24.14 meeting to discuss the Fee Schedule.

Katrina Antonovich, Park & Recreation Director

Katrina is here this evening to update the Board on events planned through the spring and summer with the Rec. Dept. The Run for Chocolate event brought in \$387.76. In January, the Rec. Dept. was awarded a grant for \$20,000.00, to begin Phase 2 of trail building at the 100-Acre Wood in North Fairfax. She has a request for road closures for the 15th Annual Egg Run. We will trade off hours with the FCSD for this event.

*Chris made a motion that we close the following roads RV, GP, CF and a section of SH on Saturday, August 2nd, 2014 from 8:30 am. - 10:30 am. Leebeth seconds the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. The residents will be notified by the Rec. Dept. as well as FCSD thirty days prior to the event.

The Sap Run is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th. Katrina would like to close HU Street from BFA parking lot to the bus garage from 10:00 am. to 10:15 am. Chris asked if we could delay traffic as opposed to closing the road.

*Chris made the motion to close Hunt Street on March 29th from 10 am. - 10:15 pm. Peter seconds the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

July 4th Parade - Road closures on HV to BO from 11:30 am. to 1:30 pm. and HU from 1 pm. to 2:30 pm. to the Rec. Park.

*Chris made the motion to delay traffic on the 4th of July 2014 from HV to BO from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. and HU to the Rec. Park. Pete seconds the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Again, Katrina will coordinate with the FCSD four hours of alternate coverage.

Conference Room - She would like the Board to consider putting a plan in place for using the conference room. Tom and Katrina will meet to discuss this.

Katrina asked about a recount on Article 3. She asked for an official recount. She has talked to Jean Paul Isabelle, Elections Administrator for the Office of the Secretary of State. Chris will contact Mr. Isabelle for advice on proceeding with a recount.

3.10.14 Minutes Cont.

Randy DeVine, W/S Superintendent

Randy handed out his activity report for the month of February. This list does not include regular daily required activities. He stated that pump #2 motor failed at the BH booster station. He checked on a property located at HW0009, which has been abandoned as the water needs to be shut off. Randy stated that there's a water leak somewhere on upper FR. He stated that two pumps have run 3x's longer than normal. He believes the leak started on Sunday and that it's a service line to a residence. He will continue to search out the source of the leak.

Other Business:

1. Town Appointments - completed. We will place an ad for a Health Officer and 1st Constable.
2. Good Point Recycling Memorandum of Understanding: The Board has a concern with the amount of e-cycle that the memorandum states Good Point will not take. The signing of the memorandum was tabled until further information can be obtained.
3. Town Policy for Purchase Orders: The policy was discussed and tabled until 3.24.14.
4. VLCT - Consent to Rate - Liability coverage contains absolute pollution exclusion in addition to asbestos and lead exclusions. A discussion ensued. The document was tabled while Tom checks into it.
5. Define how the SB gets reimbursed.
6. Certificate of Highway Mileage: Goodall Road was added to the list. The Board by consensus signed the document.
7. AT&T mobility and American Towers document - tabled until the next meeting 3/24/14. The Planning Commission will be discussing this topic at a meeting tomorrow night. We will wait to see what transpires out of that meeting before taking any action on this.
8. A thank you letter to Marshall Bushey - The Board by consensus signed the letter.
9. Lister's certificate of no appeal or suit pending - The Board signed the certificate by consensus.

Adjourn:

Pete made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm.; Randy seconds the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Town of Fairfax Selectboard
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